



# GHANA



## INTRODUCTION

Ghana in 1957 became the first Sub-Saharan country in colonial Africa to gain its independence. Ghana has a young age structure, with approximately 57% of the population under the age of 25.

## GOVERNMENT

### Chief of State

President Nana Addo Dankwa AKUFO-ADDO

### Head of Government

President Addo Dankwa AKUFO-ADDO

### Government Type

presidential republic

### Capital

Accra

### Legislature

unicameral Parliament (275 seats)

## GEOGRAPHY

### Area

Total: 238,533 sq km

Land: 227,533 sq km

Water: 11,000 sq km

### Climate

tropical; warm and comparatively dry along southeast coast; hot and humid in southwest; hot and dry in north

### Natural Resources

gold, timber, industrial diamonds, bauxite, manganese, fish, rubber, hydropower, petroleum, silver, salt, limestone

## ECONOMY

### Economic Overview

West African trade and agrarian economy; COVID-19 reversed nearly 4 decades of continuous growth; major diamond, gold, cocoa, and oil exporter; high public debts; financial and energy sector reform programs adding to fiscal pressures; high remittances

**GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)** \$164.8 billion (2020 est.)

**GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)** \$5,300 (2020 est.)

**Industries** - mining, lumbering, light manufacturing, aluminum smelting, food processing, cement, small commercial ship building, petroleum

**Agricultural products** - cassava, yams, plantains, maize, oil palm fruit, taro, rice, cocoa, oranges, pineapples

**Exports** \$13.84 billion (2017 est.)

gold, crude petroleum, cocoa products, manganese, cashews (2019)

**partners:** Switzerland 23%, India 17%, China 12%, UAE 8%, South Africa 8% (2019)

**Imports** \$12.65 billion (2017 est.)

metal tubing, ships, cars, refined petroleum, rice (2019)

**partners:** China 24%, Nigeria 22%, US 5% (2019)

## PEOPLE & SOCIETY

### Population

32.4 million (July 2021 est.)

### Population Growth

2.26% (2021 est.)

### Ethnicity

Akan 45.7%, Mole-Dagbani 18.5%, Ewe 12.8%, Ga-Dangme 7.1%, Gurma 6.4%, Guan 3.2%, Grusi 2.7%, Mande 2%, other 1.6% (2021 est.)

### Language

Asante 16%, Ewe 14%, Fante 11.6%, Boron (Brong) 4.9%, Dagomba 4.4%, Dangme 4.2%, Dagarte (Dagaba) 3.9%, Kokomba 3.5%, Akyem 3.2%, Ga 3.1%, other 31.2% (2010 est.)

### Religion

Christian 71.3% (Pentecostal/Charismatic 31.6%, Protestant 17.4%, Catholic 10%, other 12.3%), Muslim 19.9%, traditionalist 3.2%, other 4.5%, none 1.1% (2021 est.)

